

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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1. GB 994 567 A
2. EP 0 834 386 A
3. US 6,045,347

**Document 1**

Document 1 is in the English language, thus no comments are necessary.

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**Document 2**

Document 2 was published April 8, 1998 in the German language. Document 3 is an English language document corresponding to Document 2.

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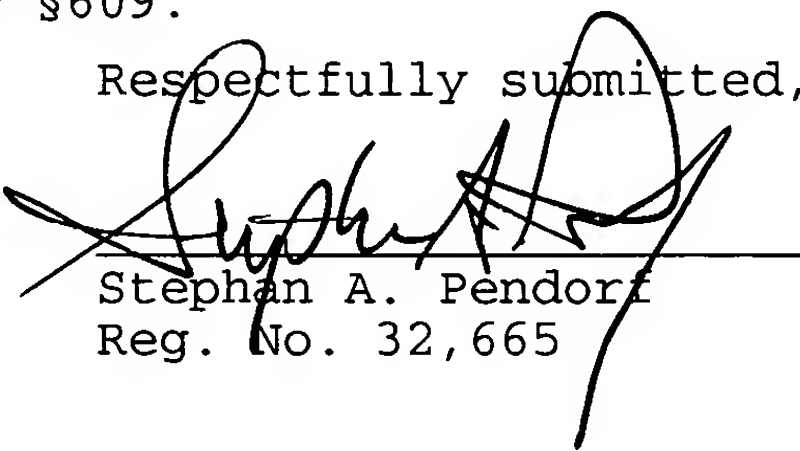
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